

## Children's House Summer 2025

Summer 2025 will run in two-week sessions with alternating themes. Families may sign up for individual weeks, or for the entire two-week session. If you sign up for an individual week, you are not guaranteed which theme your child will attend. Children signed up for the full two-week session will participate in both themes. **Please note: Each camp has a maximum capacity of 30 students. With two camps running each week, there is a maximum capacity of 60 spots available. Summer sign-ups will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until maximum capacity is reached.**

<i><b>Dates</b></i>	<i><b>Weekly Themes</b></i>
June 2 – June 6	No Camp, Montessori Care Only
June 9 – June 13 June 16 – June 20	Camping Gardening
June 23 – June 27	Patriotic
July 30 – July 2	No Camp, Montessori Care Only
July 3 & 4	<b>CLOSED</b>
July 7 – July 11 July 14 – July 18	Community Helpers Crafting with Nature
July 21 – July 25 July 28 – August 1	Space Music
August 4 – August 8 August 11 – August 15	Farm Fruits & Veggies
August 18 – August 22	No Camp, Montessori Care Only
August 25 – August 29	<b>CLOSED</b>

### Summer Camp Schedule

8:05 AM – door opens

8:15 AM – camp begins, door closes

11:00 AM – lunch/recess

12:00 PM – camp resumes

12:30 PM – nap begins (if applicable)

2:30 PM – nap ends (if applicable)

2:45 PM – camp ends

Camps will be led by one of our lead teachers during the morning portion. The afternoon portion will be a structured group activity, such as crafts, games, etc., and will be led by the assistants. If your child naps, nap will begin after lunch/recess.

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There will not be summer camp but Montessori Care will be available the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>, as well as June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>. MRA will be CLOSED July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> as well as August 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> for staff development, training, and orientation.

## ***Summer Camp Themes***

### **Camping**

Lions and Tigers and Bears – oh my! Maybe no lions and tigers, but there could be a bear hunt! We will be reading in tents with flashlights, counting the fish we catch in our boat, and lots of other fun adventures. Of course, no camping trip would be complete without s'mores at the end of the week!

### **Gardening**

We'll be learning about the life cycle of plants, working in the school garden, planting seeds in the classroom, and creating crafts related to plants and gardens.

### **Patriotic**

What are the symbols of our country? We will learn about the American flag, sing patriotic songs, and make patriotic themed crafts. We'll also talk about why we celebrate on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Community Helpers**

Who are the people in our neighborhood? We are going to talk about and meet some of the people that help our community and learn how WE can be helpers in our community too!

### **Crafting with Nature**

What happens if you use a flower as a paintbrush? What about writing with a stick? We'll collect things from nature to use in our art projects this week.

### **Space**

Who's ready to explore the moon, sun, stars, and planets? We will learn about these through songs, stories, crafts, and some special constellation snacks. Get ready to blast off with some fun!

### **Music**

How many instruments of the orchestra can you name? We will learn all about the different families of instruments, and even get to make our own! We'll also sing lots of fun songs together.

### **Farm**

We're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to the CH farm! We're going to be learning about all the different farm animals, what they eat and what they produce, also plants, farm work, and how important farmers are to us!

### **Fruits & Veggies**

What's your favorite food? What fruits or veggies go into it? We will learn about the difference between fruits and vegetables as well as be able to sample a variety of them throughout the week. We will also use fruits and veggies to create crafts.



## ***Water Day***

Due to the unpredictability of Minnesota weather, Water Day will be determined based on the conditions outside. Because of this change, Water Day gear needs to be brought at the beginning of every week and left at school, similarly, to nap gear. We will place a sign in the hallway by the computer when your child's water gear needs to be taken home. Please bring it back the next day, so that we can possibly have more than one water day each week. Your child should come to school in regular clothing. Please do not send them in swimwear.

### **For your child to participate, they will need...**

- Reusable bag for all their gear (labeled)
- Swimsuit (labeled)
- Towel (labeled)
- Closed-toe water shoes (labeled)
- Sunscreen (lotion or deodorant style only, NO AEROSOL SUNSCREEN) (labeled)

**If your child does not have all their water gear**, they will not be able to participate in Water Day, but will be able to play on the playground.

## ***Camp Cost***

The cost for each week of camp is \$300 and includes materials. There will be a \$10/week sibling discount on every child after the first if you have multiple children attending the same week.

MRA requires a credit card or debit card/bank account on file. This card will be charged on the first business day of the month, unless payment is received prior.

A two-week minimum notice is required for any schedule changes. You will be charged 50% for any cancellations if 2 weeks' notice is given. If less than a 2 week notice is given, there will be no refund.

Summer invoices will go out the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the preceding month. Your account on file will be charged on the first business day of the month.

## ***Montessori Care Cost***

Before & After Camp: 7:00 AM-8:05 AM & 2:45 PM-5:30 PM                      \$50/week

On Montessori Care Only weeks, care will be available for \$60 per day, 8:05am-2:45pm.

Before & After care rates still apply on Montessori Care Only weeks.



## ***Non-MRA Students***

Non-MRA students, such as siblings, are welcome to attend our summer program. An application and application fee of \$**100** will be required to enroll for the summer. Our standard student paperwork packet will also be required prior to the child's first day with us. This includes but is not limited to emergency contact information, health care summary, and immunizations.

## ***Children's House Summer Checklist***

***Please LABEL all your child's belongings with their first and last name.***

Footwear – all must be closed toe

- Slippers
- Gym shoes
- Outside shoes

Extra clothes (labeled)

- Underwear
- Shorts/pants
- T-shirts
- Socks
- Sweatshirt

Nap gear, if applicable (labeled)

- Up to 3 soft items brought at the beginning of the week, take home at the end of the week (Items must be fully soft, no hard-bodied dolls or hard-eyed stuffies)
- Pull-ups, if applicable

Water Day gear

- Swimsuit (labeled)
- Towel (labeled)
- Closed-toe water shoes (labeled)
- Sunscreen to be left at MRA - NO AEROSOL SUNSCREEN.
- Reusable bag for wet gear (labeled)

Outside gear - optional

- Hat
- Sunglasses

Water bottles are not allowed. A water station will be available during all outside play times and water is always available inside.

